Notice of Availability Draft Environmental Assessment for the Acequia del Llano Rehabilitation Project, Santa Fe County, New Mexico

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations that implement the National Environmental Policy Act, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Albuquerque District, completed a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a proposal to rehabilitate the Acequia del Llano in Santa Fe County, New Mexico. The project area is located in the Santa Fe River watershed east of the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico and below Nichols Reservoir.

The USACE proposes to rehabilitate the Acequia del Llano by replacing 1920 feet of earthen ditch and intermittent sections of pipe with 6-inch diameter plastic polyvinyl chloride (PVC) irrigation pipe. General project components include: 1) installing approximately 1920 linear feet of 6-inch diameter PVC irrigation pipe along and below the existing earthen ditch; and 2) constructing a reinforced concrete outlet structure with a drainage gate where the pipeline will rejoin the existing earthen ditch.

Public review of the draft EA/FONSI will begin on October 8, 2008 and will run for 30 days until November 7, 2008. The document will be available on the Corps web site at http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/fonsi/. A hard copy will be sent upon request. Comments on the draft EA/FONSI should be sent to:

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